

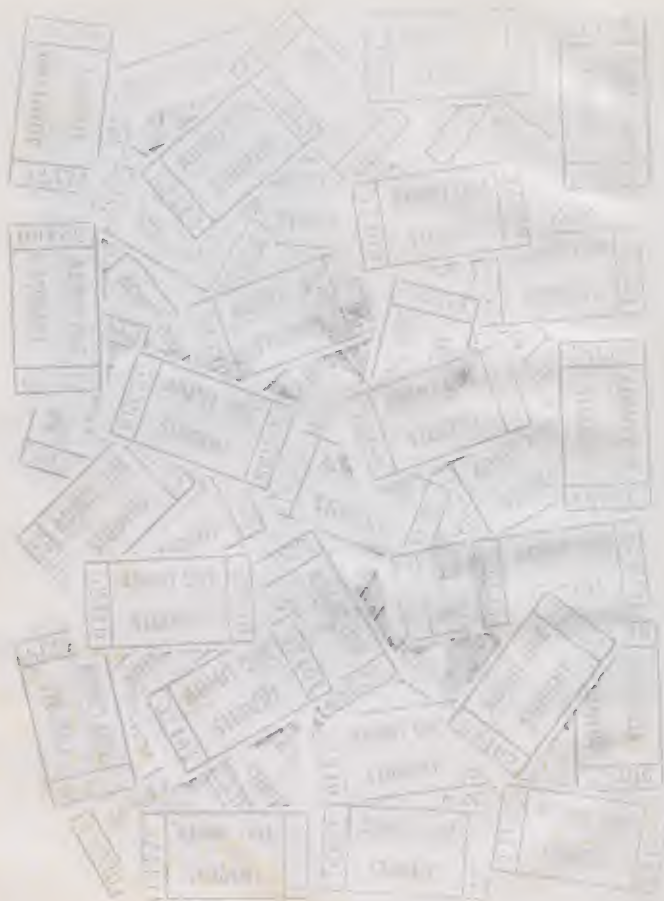




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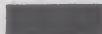


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## Presents





Row 1: Senior Angie Blackburn gives her point of view during the mock Congress: Mickey Mouse uses Goofy as a music box: Mr. John Baumann as one of the Bomber Brothers during the sectional pep session. Row 2: These freshmen students are ready to sail during their biology class: Chris Long is on one of his many sled rides. Row 3: Kathy O'Brien, Kathie Womelsdorff and Joanie Fordham take time out from their slumber party to pose for this picture: Gary Potts, senior, uses his "brut" strength to open a jar: Sonya Simmons tells Kelly Bell how to put the finishing touches on a Sunshine mural.





# Plot

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## Bleachers Bums promote spirit



The Bleacher Bums promoted spirit throughout the school year. Some of their activities were making posters, being little sisters to the minor sports and providing different activities during pep sessions.

Kelly Blackhall, secretary-treasurer; Lori Templon, president; Joni Critser, vice-president.



Brad Jordan, president; Craig Worden, vice-president.

## Chess Club competes intramurally

Having a chance to compete intramurally is an important aspect of the Chess Club's activities. Meeting every two weeks gives the members a chance to involve themselves in a fundamental chess match, while learning at the same time.

## Bomber Alert assists community



Brenda Torbet, president; Ann Tonner, vice-president; Sonya Simmons, secretary; Betsy Nagel, treasurer; Mike Wright, business agent.

The purpose of the Bomber Alert Corps is to provide service to the administration, community, and to visitors to the school. This year they provided assistance at the school play, open house and the musical.

## Showing interest in medicine



The Medical Explorers have learned many different and various aspects this year in the medical field. The cutting of hostage ribbons was their main activity of the year.

Jill Reinhold, vice-president; Missy Greene, president; Janet Jordan, secretary-treasurer.

## Drama Club presents THE



The school play this year was titled **THE MIRACLE WORKER**. Written by William Gibson, this play was based on the life of Helen Keller, who was portrayed by Jeanne Vigeant. Helen Keller was blind, deaf, and mute who was taught to use sign language as a means of communication by Annie Sullivan, portrayed by Kathy O'Brien. Gary Anderson and Kathie Womelsdorff took on the roles of Helen Kellers parents.

Upper Right: Officers; Annie Bucholtz, public relations; Barb Meyer, secretary-treas.; Elizabeth Groppe, vice-president; Denise Rayburn, president.

Right: Annie (Kathy O'Brien) teaching Helen (Jeanne Vigeant) the language of the deaf.

Below: Miss Sullivan works with two of the girls from the institution of the blind.





Above: Upon Annie's arrival at the Keller Homestead she is greeted by members of the Keller family. (l to r) Kate (Kathie Womelsdorff), Helen (Jeanne Vigeant), Capt. Keller (Gary Anderson), Annie (Kathy O'Brien), James (Craig Jackson).

Left: Cast Members (l to r) Row 1; Stephanie Fortune, Kathy Moriarty, Bonnie Risinger, Teresa Vaughn, Jennifer Groppe, Teresa Morris. Row 2: Director Miss Joanne Wagner, Kathie Womelsdorff, Gary Anderson, Kathy O'Brien, Jeanne Vigeant, Frank Worden, Stormy Klecca. Row 3; Cindy Miller, Ann Gwin, Polly Woodworth, Craig Jackson, Dan Martin, Linda DeMoss, Lynda Worden, Steve Brunton, Linda Brunsnahan.

## MIRACLE WORKER

## National Honor Society inducts 28

The Rensselaer Central National Honor Society initiation was held at the high school auditorium on Tuesday April 22, 1980. Club president Chris Paulsen presided over the initiation service. Club officers Annie Bucholtz, Gina Gonzales, Elizabeth Nagel, and Brenda Torbet assisted in reading and explaining the criteria for selection into the society.

Lisa Mitchell, Gina Gonzales, and Margaret Misch assisted in the presentation of pins to each new initiate. Lisa Mitchell, a transfer from Kokomo High School, also received a pin from the Rensselaer Chapter.

Rev. Bruce Mitchell served as the guest speaker for the service.

All old members of the society were present at the service. They included seniors Kirt Dickey, Gina Gonzales, Elizabeth Nagel, Chris Paulsen, Glen Reinhold, Robin Salyer, Brenda Torbet. Juniors Steve Egan, Elizabeth Groppe, Virginia Honneger, Tom Kenny, Margaret Misch, Mary Myers, Jill Reinhold, Lori Teach, Ann Tonner and Mike Wright.





Counter Clockwise: (far left) Officers: Annie Bucholtz, treasurer; Chris Paulsen, president; Brenda Torbet, vice-president; Gina Gonzales, secretary.

New seniors include row 1; Rhonda Kohley, Mara Whitaker, Lisa Mitchell (transfer).

Row 2; Tim Davis, Chris Long, Karla Coy, Michelle Smith, (Brian Smith, not pictured). Junior initiates included Marie

Vigeant, Lynda Worden, Shannon Smith. Newly elected sophomores are, row 1; Sue Hoover, Dyane Wagner, Toni Horst, Grace Honegger, Mary Donovan. Row 2; Stacy Baily, Stacy Crowe, Angie Arihood, Brenda Mitchell.

Sophomores continued, row 1; Holly Hollerman, Becky Downard, Sue Gehring, Janice Smith. Row 2; Bret Baker, Bill Jennings, Todd Waggoner, James Pigford.



## Mystical Knights serve community



(l to r) Brooks Beehler, vice-president; Kreg Mattocks, secretary; Mark McKnight, president; Steve Zawodney, treasurer.

The Mystical Knights provided Christmas baskets to needy families around the community. They also sold popcorn at all the home basketball games.

## F.F.A. recognized throughout state



The Future Farmers of America have been very active in many district, state and national judging contests. They also sponsor a dance during the year. This group of boys spend much of their extra time working to make the club superior to others throughout the state.

(l to r) Dwayne Simmons, reporter; Brent Gutwein, vice-president; Pat Steinke, sentinel; Nick Korniak, president; Rod Wooley, treasurer; John Rodibaugh, secretary.

## Soils team advances to National contest

After winning the local, county, district and state soil competitions, Rensselaer's top F.F.A. team (Nick Korniak, Brent Gutwein, Brad Jordan and Pat Steinke) was able to compete at the National contest held in Oklahoma. The members of the team were accompanied by their sponsor and coach, Mr. Byron Callahan. After two days of practice the team competed in the contest and placed 15th in overall competition.

Clockwise: The team stopped off along the Mississippi River on their way to Oklahoma; Preparing for practice are team members Brad Jordan, Brent Gutwein and Nick Korniak; During the actual competition Brad Jordan and Brent Gutwein listen to the field judge; The team is shown during a practice session before the contest; Doing a little sightseeing was also on the agenda; here the team is shown in front of the St. Louis Arch.





These F.F.A. teams placed in the top five during district competition.

(top): Brad Jordan, Dave Wagner, Ron Nagel, Dwayne Simmons.  
(bottom): Nick Korniak, Brent Gutwein, Pat Steinke, John Rodibaugh.



## Livestock team wins contest



Nick Steinke, Brent Gutwein, Rod Wooley and Nick Korniak were members of the top placing livestock team. As a team the members placed first at the county and district levels. They also were winners at the Purdue and Tipton Invitationals.

(top): Members of the 1979-80 Livestock judging team; Nick Steinke, Brent Gutwein, Rod Wooley and Nick Korniak display the trophy they won at the Tipton Invitational: (bottom): Pictured here are the various awards won by the team during competition.



## Home-ec. sponsors teacher breakfast



Officers; Renee Zickmund, secretary; Rhonda Kohley, vice-president; Candy Hayes, president; Tina Weinrank, treasurer.

The main activity sponsored by the home-ec club is their annual teacher breakfast held in April. The girls also sold giant coloring books as a money making project.

## Monogram honors outstanding athletes

The monogram club provides honor jackets, letters and blankets to outstanding athletes. They also provide the popcorn and coke stands for many of the home athletic events.



Officers (l to r) Tim Davis, president; Jeff Crawford, vice president; Missy Greene, secretary-treasurer.

## Put a little sunshine in your heart



Officers: (l to r) Sue Hoover, historian; Angie Arhoad, recording secretary; Lynne Chesak, vice-president; Kathy Dunlap, treasurer; Grace Honegger, corresponding secretary; Barb Haworth, historian. Left: Angie Mangas, president



This year, under the new sponsorship of Mrs. Swartzell and Mrs. Cappuccilli, the Sunshine girls became more involved in the society at a district and state level.

In the fall the officers and sponsors attended the President's Luncheon held in Indianapolis. The luncheon is designed to give the girls a chance to compare new ideas with other societies. Representatives from the society were also sent to the district convention held at Kankakee Valley High School, and the state convention held at Tri-County High School.

The year was also highlighted by the annual activities including; Freshman Initiation, Daddy Date Night, Mother's Tea, Ideal Lady Night, Officer's Initiation, and the final yearly event, the Senior Party.

## *Santa visits preschool*

This year the Sunshine Society held a Christmas party for the preschoolers. Activities the children participated in were as follows: Pin the Star on Christmas Tree, Singing Games, and Musical Chairs. The highlight of the day was a visit from Santa.





## Sunshine Presents "Hollywood Nights"



The 1980 Sunshine Dance was held February 23. "Hollywood Nights" was chosen as this year's theme. Guests were entertained by the musical talents of "Ice Age". The above pictures depict some of the memories of that night.

## Student Council provides leadership



Officers left (L to R) Kim Louck, treasurer; Dawn Jennings, Secretary; Mr. Michaels, sponsor; Lynne Chesak, president; Mike Wright, vice-president.

Representatives, bottom, (L to R) seated Sonya Simmons, Betsy Nagel, Barb Meyer, Ann Tonner. Standing, (L to R) Joe Chesak, Abby Simmons, Chris Paulsen, Angie Anhood, Jerry Hughes, Toni Horst, Bill Jennings, Mandy McElfresh, Jerry Verbugge, Suzy Post, Katie Egan.



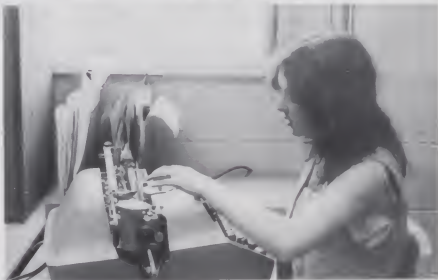
The Student Council spent the year voicing the opinions of the students to the administration on policies and regulations.

## RENSSELAERIEN covers school news



The RENSSELAERIEN staff under 1979-80 editor Mike Pigford provided students with an informative publication dealing with all school activities. The staff members include (l to r): Pam Arrasmith, Elizabeth Groppe, Annie Bucholtz, Lori Mullins, Dave Schultz, Connie Arrasmith, and Mike Pigford. (not pictured Wanda Mullins, Brenda Minter and Karen Ellis.) The staff produced 10 issues including the 20 page Senior issue.

Right: Lori Mullins types copy for a RENSSELAERIEN issue.





## Speech club competes state wide

The main goal of the speech club was to develop members' speech skills. The club was very small, but they still competed in contests all around the state, which were held in various high schools. They also spoke to many of the community's organizations. To get ready to make their speeches, they practiced after school and during activity period. Although this club is only active for three months out of the year, the students put in a lot of extra time to achieve their goals.

Officers: Lynne Chesak, Steve Brunton, Cindy Miller, Lynda Worden, Bonnie Risinger.



## Language Club attends field day

This year the Sigma Digamma members participated in a field day at Purdue University. A major part of their day consisted of attending the colleges foreign language classes. The students were also given a chance to take their first college exam.

Officers: Mike Wright, president; Michelle Smith, vice-president; Katie Egan, treasurer; Annie Bucholtz, secretary.

## CHAOS produces "The Main Event"

Clockwise: Photographer Dave Schultz develops negatives during class; Brenda Torbet sets a headline for the CHAOS: The 1979-80 CHAOS staff.



This year the new sponsorship of Miss Landgrebe, attempted to produce a yearbook that centered around one major theme, "The Main Event." The staff was asked to present the year in writing as well as photographs.

In order to finance the book the staff members were able to hold an advertising day in Rensselaer and surrounding communities. Members also sold subscriptions to the book.

The staff would like to thank the RENNELAER REPUBLICAN and Dave Schultz for their assistance with the photographs that appear in this book and a special thanks to all the people and coaches who were understanding when we had to interrupt classes and practice sessions.





## FCA huddles provide sharing

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) is a group that is organized especially for athletes and coaches who wish to share their beliefs in Jesus Christ with others. Although this is the first year for the group, they had an average of 10 to 15 people attend their huddles. Mr. Grow, the sponsor, hopes to get organized earlier next year so that the club can participate in more community projects.

Officers: (l to r): Scott Lucero, vice-president, Stacy Crowe, secretary, Vicki Lanoue, treasurer. Not pictured Gary Anderson, president.

## Audio-Visual aids assist department



The audio-visual aids did a great deal around the school to help teachers and students alike. They assisted in showing films, working the lights and microphones in the auditorium and aided Mrs. Baumann in all aspects of work concerning the audio-visual department. Members of the club included (l to r); Val Fairchild, Linda DeMoss, Eric Scheffler, Carol Hollerman, Brenda Minter and John Miller.

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## Swing Choirs have outstanding year



Top: "Celebrate"  
Bottom: Girls' Swing Choir

The Choral department at Rensselaer Central is made up of four different groups.

"Celebrate," one of the four, is the school's mixed swing choir. Their efforts this year received a first division rating at the Nisbova Solo and Ensemble Contest held at South Newton H.S.. At Valporaiso, "Celebrate" received a second division rating.

Although this is the first year for the Girl's Swing Choir, they are a highly rated group. They received a second division at South Newton, and first division rating at Valporaiso.

Also in it's first year, the All-Girls Choir, made up girls from all classes is a non-competitive group. They perform for various groups and at all high school Choral Concerts.

The Choraleers, another non-competitive group, is the school's mixed choir. The largest of all choirs, the Choraleers also perform at all high school Choral Concert.



Left: Girls' Choir  
Bottom: Choraleers



## Bombers march to third in state

The Rensselaer Central Marching Bombers received third place this year in the Indiana All-State Marching Contest held at Fountain Central High School in Veedersberg. They also ranked a very high fifth place in the NISBOVA Band Contest held at Lewis Cass High School. To get ready for these contests, some members of the band and Bomberettes attended a marching band camp in Whitewater, WI., held during June. During August all band members attended the camp held at the high school. Everyone worked hard to achieve these high rankings.

Parades were part of the Marching Bombers performances. They participated in the Little Cousin Jasper Parade, Rensselaer Homecoming Parade and the St. Joe Homecoming Parade. During halftime of the St. Joe Homecoming the band performed their award winning show.

To raise money for the uniforms and equipment they needed for their shows each band member sold fruit. This, along with the Band Boosters refreshment stand (at home football games), payed for a great deal of the band's expenses.

There were four Marching Bombers voted into the Hook's All-State Marching Band. These students were Jerry Hughes, Dave Wagner, Kim Louck, and Katie Egan was chosen as alternate. These students then performed in the Indianapolis 500 Parade.

Drum Majors Steve Egan and Michelle Smith display the bands third place trophy won at the NISBOVA State Marching Contest held at Fountain Central High School.





Alisa Levandowski, Reinhold and not pictured Candy Hajos served as captains for the 1979-80 Bomberettes.



## Bomber band performs in concert



This year's concert band, composed of 90 students from grades nine through twelve, performed at a winter concert and at the all-school Art Show in May. A few of the band's members also participated in the pep-band for all home basketball games. The group's final appearance of the year was during the school's commencement exercise.

Counterclockwise: The 1979-80 concert band; Members of the pep-band perform during a pep-session; The directors Mr. Henry Wolfe; Angie Blackburn and Glenn DeWees rehearse a duo during practice; Junior Dave Wagner is pictured practicing during class.





## Bomberettes entertain the fans

This year the Bomberettes were the highlight of each home basketball game. They also performed for halftime at a St. Joe game. The girls in the corps showed talent and worked hard at learning routines.

Their flag routines won 2nd highest guard score at state band contest. The guard is made up of 17 flags and 6 rifles.



(l to r; t to b) The chours line attracted much attention at the St. Joe basketball game. The 1979-80 Bomberette dance corps. The girls showed their support for the team at all home games: Here the Bomberettes perform to the song "Bandstand Boogie" at the annual Junior Carnival: Marching in the Bomber Homecoming parade is just one of the activities the girls participate in during the year. Junior Janet Jordan performed at the St. Joe basketball game.





photo by T. Mahaffey

Members of the 1979-80 Bomberettes included: Lynne Chesak, Karla Coy, Julie Sheffer, Janet Jordan, Alisa Levandowski, Candy Hayes, Jill Reinhold, Kathy Dunlap, Debbie Stath, Denise DeMoss, Sue Stath, Janice Smith, Barb Haworth, Lisa Prescott, Kathy Garrity, Toni Horst, Kim Clouse, Lori Teach, Angie Arihood, Kelle Ogle, DeLynn Grow, Carrie Smith, Kim Rose.



photo by T. Mahaffey

# Students perform SOUTH PACIFIC

Rodgers and Hammerstein's renowned production of SOUTH PACIFIC was selected as this year's musical.

The story is set on two Pacific islands occupied by American nurses and Marines during World War II. Two love stories incur during the play, one with a happy ending, the other a tragic ending.

Karla Coy and Kathie Womelsdorff took the roll of Nurse Nellie Forbush. Gary Anderson and Jeff Hannon performed as Emile DeBecque and Lt. Joe Cable respectively. Other main cast members included Mara Whitaker (Liat), Glen DeWees (Billis) and Herlinda Reyes (Bloody Mary).

Upper-right: Gary Anderson adds the finishing touches to his make-up before taking the stage as Emile DeBecque.

Below: Glen DeWees (Luther Billis) looks on as part of his costume is painted on for the musical.

Right: Denise Rayburn works on Dave Jacks' make-up.





Counterclockwise: Lynne Chesak starts the make-up process on Jeff Hannon (Lt. Joe Cable); Nurse Barb Haworth adds highlights to her make-up before the play; Larry Brinley receives the final make-up touches before he appears on stage as one of the sailors; Co-leads Gary Anderson and Kathie Womelsdorff rehearse a scene in preparation for the musical SOUTH PACIFIC.





Clockwise: Nurses sing "I'm gonna wash that man right out of my hair"; Gary Anderson is shown in a tender scene with Karla Coy; Glen DeWees as Billis offers information to fellow sailors about a valuable boar tooth bracelet from the island of Bali Hai.



Glen DeWees and Butch Pattengale show their fancy footwork during one of the production numbers: Glen DeWees as Honeybun entertains his fellow sailors during the Thanksgiving show: Karla Coy gets some helpful advice on men from fellow nurse Sonya Simmons: Jeff Hannon holds Mara Whitaker during a touching moment in the play.



# Juniors sponsor "A Night on the Town"

The 1980 Prom was held May 3, at St. Joe's Halleck Center. The theme was "A Night on the Town", and the colors selected were yellow, white, pink and blue. Prom King Mark Campbell and Prom Queen Rhonda Kohley reigned over the night after being elected by the senior class. Other candidates for king included Jeff Crawford, Tim Davis, Jim Mattocks, Tom Nagel and Tim Phegley. Queen candidates were Lynne Chesak, Sue Kosta, Angie Mangas, Tammy Siegrist and Kelli Wood.

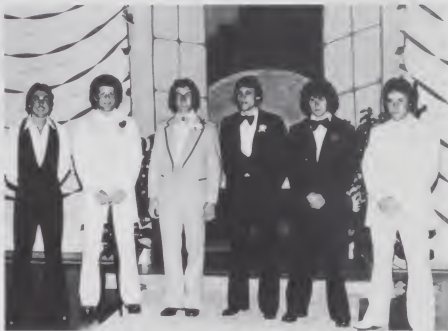
Clockwise: The theme mural for the prom depicts "A Night on the Town": Students and faculty enjoyed dancing to the music of "Rivendell": Tim Phegley and Carrie Smith watch from the sidelines.





Counterclockwise: The Venice "Tunnel of Love" was selected as one of the murals: The band "Rivendell" was selected to entertain prom goers: Inside the dance area students and faculty members "boogie-down" to one of the musical numbers: Seemingly have a good time are seniors Greg Miller and Laura Beaver.





Counter clockwise: Cathy McNeal casts her vote for prom Queen and King. Queen candidates Rhonda Kohley, Lynne Chesak, Angie Mangas, Sue Kosta, Kelli Wood and Tammy Siegrist. Mark Campbell and Tim Phegley wait anxiously for the votes to be tallied. King candidates Jeff Crawford, Tim Phegley, Mark Campbell, Tim Davis, Jim Mattocks and Tom Nagel.



Clockwise: King Mark Campbell and Queen Rhonda Kohley posing for their classmates  
 Juniors Seniors mingle among friends. Queen Rhonda Kohley and Tom Nagel chat with  
 Tim Davis and Janet Lamie Brett Nesius is shocked by cameras.

# Action

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## Cross Country goes to Regional

Row 1 (l to r); Team members wait for the regional results. Row 2 (l to r); Chris Paulsen warms up before the race. Team members run at regionals. Putting their warm-ups on after the race, the team heads home. Row 3 (l to r); Dan Ogle runs to a seat for to State. Team members get mentally ready for the race.

The Cross Country team, coached by Gene Edmonds, advanced to the Regionals this year. Team members that went to regionals are Jeff Crawford, Dan Ogle, Joe Grant, Glen Reinhold, Scott Malone, Chris Paulsen and John Rodibaugh. The team had an outstanding winning season this year.



# Swimmers stroke to a winning season



First row: (l to r) Suzy Post, Sandra Kohley. Second row: Linda DeMoss, Michell Sheffer, Kathy Garrity, Jane Malone, Angie Arihood, Linda Brusnahan. Third row: Ellinor Gustafsson, Ann Tonner, Judy Garrity, Dawn Jennings, Deanna Kohley, Kim Louck, Stacey Baily, Coach Bush. Fourth row: Dolores Doherty, Jennifer Jennings, Patty Garrity, Mary Donovan, Grace Honegger, Susan Hoover, Manager Jean Holbrook



The girls swimming team, coached by Steve Bush, improved greatly this year. According to Coach Bush, the senior members of the squad provided much leadership. The squad finished the season 8—5, placed 4th of 9 at the Delphi Sectional and 4th of 6 at the LaPorte Invitational Relays.



(l to r) Dolores Doherty, Most Improved, Ellinor Gustafsson, Most Valuable Freshman, Judy Garrity, Most Points.



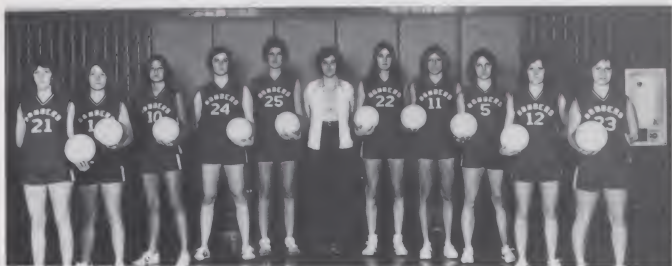
First row: (l to r) Kyle Kiger, Jeff Phillips, Jim Powell. Second row: Jeff Hannon, Mark Skinner, Matt Smith, Jerry Verbrugge, Frank Wordon, Tim Alberts. Third row: Coach Bush, Sean Egan, Mike Wright, Chris Paulsen, Jerry Hughes and Roger Mathew.

Winning the N.W.H.C. Invitational was the highlight of our year, stated one Bomber swimmer. The swimmers compiled a season of 10-10. They placed 4th of 6 at the Western Invitational and 7th of 12 in the Crown Point Sectional.



Other awards given were: "Grow Dog" to Mike Wright and Jerry Verbrugge; Attendance went to Frank Wordon.

# Volleyball places 3rd in Conference



**VARSITY:** Denise DeMoss, Brenda Torbet, Missy Greene, Laura Hopkins, Julie Zimmer, Coach Nancy Messman, Marie Vigeant, Sue Stath, Julie Teach, Rhonda Kohley, Angie Blackburn.

## Varsity Volleyball

RCHS vs. North Judson 11-15, 0-15  
 RCHS vs. Lake Station 15-7, 15-13  
 RCHS vs. Twin Lakes 1-15, 5-15  
 RCHS vs. North Newton 12-9, 11-13, 11-15  
 RCHS vs. Frontier 9-15, 16-14, 15-8  
 RCHS vs. West Central 15-10, 15-7  
 RCHS vs. Benton Central 3-15, 5-15  
 RCHS vs. Knox 14-16, 9-15  
 RCHS vs. North White 15-11, 15-6  
 RCHS vs. North White 12-15, 7-15  
 RCHS vs. Kankakee Valley 6-15, 15-4, 15-13  
 RCHS vs. Winamac 15-10, 15-4  
 RCHS vs. Tri County 9-15, 15-5, 12-14  
 RCHS vs. Tri County 15-6, 14-16, 15-7  
 RCHS vs. North White 12-15, 6-15  
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 Sectional  
 Overall Record 7-8, Conference Record 4-3



Paula Oliver, Coleen Studer, Shannon DeMoss, Vickie Lanoue, Tammy Wright, Debbie Delaney, Kim Wood, Stacy Crowe.



Frosh Volleyball. (seated) Missy Moore, Misha Laird, Jane Reichert, Mary Brusnahan; (middle) Theresa Simonin, Kim Dunlap, Carolyn Howell, Kelly Bell; (standing) Gail Shirkey, JoEllen Porter, Shelly Dobson.



Volley Awards: Most Valuable Player—Missy Greene  
Mental Attitude—Brenda Torbet  
Most Improved—Susan Smith  
J.V. Awards: Mental Attitude—Paula Green  
Most Improved—Shannon DeMoss  
Frosh Award: Mental Attitude—Theresa Simonin

# Bombers turn in winning season

**VARSITY:** (l to r) Glenn DeWees, Rich Holt, Mark Campbell, Dan Ogle, Todd Waggoner, Coach LeBeau, Mgrs. Dave Gastineau and Jim Miller, Gary Braasch, Steve Egan, Jeff Gastineau, Tim Davis, Jeff Crawford.

**J.V.** (l to r) Coach Hainje, Mgrs. David Gastineau and James Miller, Bill Jennings, Tim Nagel, Larry Eldridge, Mark Gore, Scott Malone, Pat Steinke, Joe Cebulski, Joe Grant, Armando Lopez, Phil Salyers and Cary DeWees.

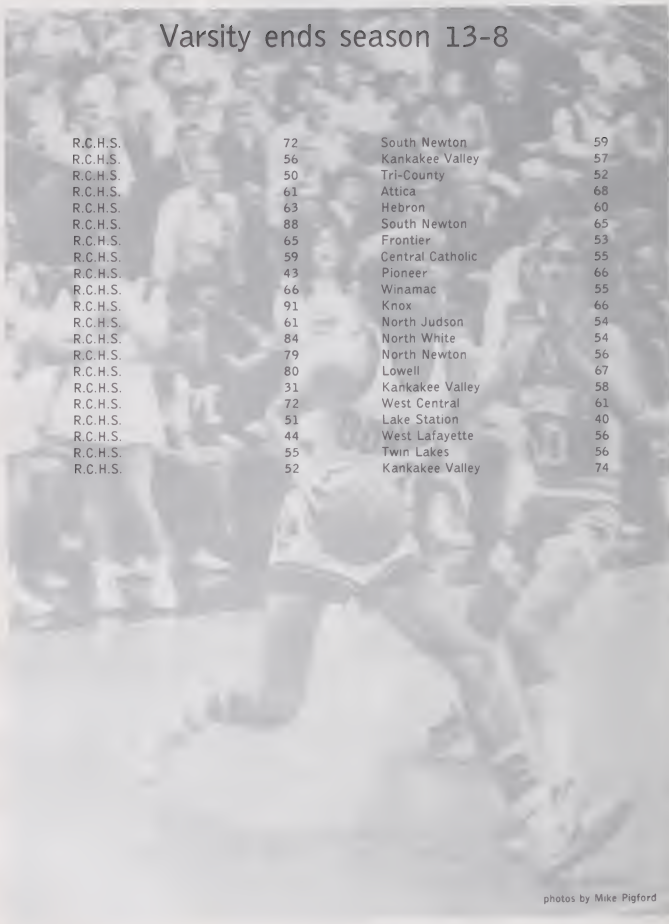




The boys' varsity basketball team, coached by Kent LeBeau, exhibited much style and excitement for the school and community. Through this spirit the Bombers turned in a winning season, the first in a long time. Awards were given to the leading rebounder, Todd Waggoner; most assists, Glenn DeWees; highest field goal percentage, Steve Egan; highest free throw percentage, Dan Ogle; and the defensive player of the year, Tim Davis.

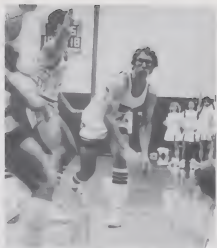


## Varsity ends season 13-8



R.C.H.S.	72	South Newton	59
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R.C.H.S.	50	Tri-County	52
R.C.H.S.	61	Attica	68
R.C.H.S.	63	Hebron	60
R.C.H.S.	88	South Newton	65
R.C.H.S.	65	Frontier	53
R.C.H.S.	59	Central Catholic	55
R.C.H.S.	43	Pioneer	66
R.C.H.S.	66	Winamac	55
R.C.H.S.	91	Knox	66
R.C.H.S.	61	North Judson	54
R.C.H.S.	84	North White	54
R.C.H.S.	79	North Newton	56
R.C.H.S.	80	Lowell	67
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R.C.H.S.	72	West Central	61
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photos by Mike Pigford



Counter clockwise: Senior Mark Campbell passes the ball to Bomber Glen DeWees in varsity action against Pioneer; Dan Ogle, senior, drives for the basket as two unidentified Winimac players try to block the shot; Sophomore Tod Waggoner lunges to steal the ball away from a Tri-County player; Dan Ogle takes the ball to the hoop for two points as the Central Catholic defense looks on.

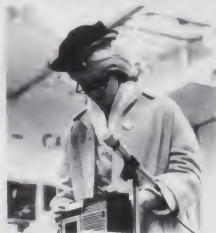


Coach Kent LeBeau was "pleased but not totally satisfied with the season." The basketball team did not accomplish all the goals which they had set prior to the season. He felt that the 1979-80 team has set a new winning tradition for R.C.H.S. Coach LeBeau stated, "I think the seniors made a big contribution throughout the year by providing leadership and dedication to the team."



## Bomber fans reproduce "Sectional Night Live"

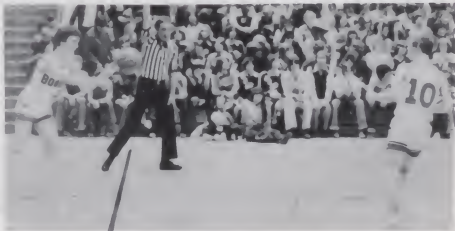
Clockwise- Mr. John Potter serves as emcee of the sectional pep session; Mr. LeBeau is reunited with Ms. Fanny Freethrow, a former girlfriend, during the pep session; Mike Wright, Ann Tonner, and Dawn Jennings do a scene from their skit "The Loopners"; Mrs. Loopner (Ann Tonner) has problems tuning in the Bomber's basketball game against K.V.; Eric Scheffler boosts the spirit of the fans during the festivities.





## Bombers overpowered by K.V. a disappointing third time

Counter clockwise. Gary Braasch takes a shot from the charity line; Glen DeWees debates on passing to teammate Mark Campbell; Dan Ogle passes the ball under tight defense from a K.V. defender, Rich Holt throws the ball in play as teammate Glen DeWees anxiously awaits the pass during sectional action; Glen DeWees puts up a shot as K.V.'s M. Chapman tries to block his shot.



## Girls shoot for future conference title



(l to r) Brenda Torbet, Tammy Siegrist, Deanna Kohley, Marie Vigeant, Ann Tonner, Virginia Honegger, Lori Teach, Sue Stath, Angie Blackburn, Kim Louck.

The girls varsity basketball team, coached by Gordan Muehlhausen had an extremely well balanced team this season. Tri-Captains for this team were Angie Blackburn, Tammy Siegrist, and Brenda Torbet. Awards given were for most improved, Ann Tonner; mental attitude, Angie Blackburn; most valuable, Brenda Torbet.





Coach Brandengurg felt that the girls J.V. basketball team did extremely well this year. Awarded for the best effort was Stacy Crowe and Renee Crawford. Tammy Wright was given the hustle award for her contributions to the team.



Row 1 (l to r) Tammy Wright, Ruth Dobson, Katie Egan, Stacy Crowe, Renee Crawford, Annetta Arnett, Linda Streitmatter. Row 2, Lisa Isley, Carolyn Howell, Jane Reichert, Jeanne Vigeant, Brenda Howell, Jennifer Jennings, Kara Pfledderer, Tammy Teach, Sandra Kohley, Mandy McElfresh, Suzy Post, Joy Vanderweilen. Mgr. Jean Holbrook.



# Wrestlers spend year rebuilding team

The wrestling team was a young group of boys with a lot of potential for the upcoming year. Scott Lucero received a trophy for most valuable and also for most takedowns. Bob DeMoss was awarded for being co-captain and for having the most pins. Rich Chambers also received the co-captain award and for having the most reversals.

Wrestlers: Row 1, (l to r), Bruce Pettet, Chris Kelly, Dan Womelsdorff, Jeff Watt, Kevin Junk; Row 2, (l to r), Greg Sutton, Scott Lucero, Rick Chambers, Bob DeMoss, Tom Branson, Klayton Kohley, Eric Ziese; Row 3, (l to r), Coaches Burvan and Grow, Charles Lawson, Matmaids Carolyn Moon, DeLynn Grow, Tricia Madison, Scott Potts, Asst. Tim Lucero.



Sophomore Jeff Watt (right), takes the mat during Rensselaer's meet with Kankakee Valley.  
Klayton Kohley (below) struggles with his Kankakee Valley opponent for a pin.



# Bomber golfers set goals



Clockwise: Senior Jeff Crawford watches the ball after teeing off on the 11th hole at Curtis Creek Country Club; Joe Verbrugge chips up onto the green for a closer shot; Junior Rich Holt chips his way out of a sand trap; The 1980 golfers include (row 1) Bill Lewis, Kevin Luers, Phil Salyers, Bret Baker, Craig Healy, Jim Steiner, Mike Wright; (row 2) Cary DeWees, Jeff Watt, Joe Verbrugge, Craig Jackson, Kirt Dickey, Rich Holt, Jeff Crawford and Coach Rich Stefanich; Cary DeWees tees off during one of the matches.

Season record 9-9  
2nd in Northwest Hoosier Conference  
10th of 20 teams in Sectional

Most Valuable—Jeff Crawford  
All Conference—Jeff Crawford  
Most Improved—Cary DeWees

# Bomber batsman shoot for sectional title

Upper Right: Statisticians (l to r) Kathy Dunlap, Peggy Pruett and Carrie Smith.



Below: (l to r) Row 1; Jon Pullin, Jeff Hannon, Anthony Chavez, Glen DeWees, Kyle Kiger, Dennis Tucker, mgr. Row 2; Chris Paulsen, Steve Barkley, Mark Gore, Tom Kenny, Greg Kaufman, Brad Alson, Randy Russell. Row 3; Brian Smith, Tod Waggoner, Gary Anderson, Tim Phegley, Butch Pattengale; Row 4; Greg DeWees, asst. coach, Craig Grow, head coach, Kent LeBeau, J.V. coach.



Right: (l to r) Row 1; Peter Kenny, Scott Hannon, Jeff Meyer, Jay Courtney, Paul Kerns; Row 2; Bob Carter, Kenton Gray, Bill Pattengale, Charles Lawson, Larry Brinley, Kyle Kiger; Row 3; Greg DeWees, asst., Todd Dickey, Doug Hoover, Mike Baker, Dene Mattocks, Tim Alberts, Chris Schulenberg, Coach Kent LeBeau.





Counterclockwise: Senior pitcher Randy Russell hurls the ball across the plate; Chris Paulsen takes a cut at the ball during action of the West Central game; Taking his turn at bat is senior Butch Pattengale; Junior Glen DeWees warms up before the game against Harrison; The expression of victory, Coach Grow congratulates the team after their victory over Kankakee Valley.



R.C.H.S.	6 West Central	11
R.C.H.S.	10 West Central	4
R.C.H.S.	5 South Newton	10
R.C.H.S.	4 Lake Station	8
R.C.H.S.	4 Lake Station	3
R.C.H.S.	5 Frontier	1
R.C.H.S.	1 McCutcheon	2
R.C.H.S.	7 Kankakee Valley	14
R.C.H.S.	10 Kankakee Valley	0
R.C.H.S.	3 Harrison	6
R.C.H.S.	12 North White	9
R.C.H.S.	4 Tri-County	8
R.C.H.S.	2 North Newton	3
R.C.H.S.	12 North Newton	5
R.C.H.S.	3 South Newton	5
R.C.H.S.	4 Twin Lakes	3
R.C.H.S.	10 Knox	0
R.C.H.S.	3 Knox	2
R.C.H.S.	0 Crown Point	5
R.C.H.S.	4 Winamac	0
R.C.H.S.	3 Winamac	1
R.C.H.S.	0 North Judson	3
R.C.H.S.	3 North Judson	1
SECTIONAL		
R.C.H.S.	10 West Central	5
R.C.H.S.	4 North Newton	3
R.C.H.S.	3 South Newton	1
REGIONAL		
R.C.H.S.	1 Western	0
R.C.H.S.	0 West Lafayette	4

Most Valuable Player—  
Randy Russell  
Tod Waggoner  
Most Improved—Butch Pattengale  
Hustle Desire Attitude—  
Chris Paulsen  
Pitching & Batting Champ—  
Tod Waggoner  
Fielding Award—Brian Smith  
Captain—Tim Phegley  
Golden Glove—Chris Paulsen

## Track team runs winning season



Team Members include Row 1 (l to r), David Skinner, Armando Lopez, Jim Mattocks, Mark Skinner, Dave Chevrette, Manager James Miller. Row 2, James Pigford, Tim Davis, Joe Cebulski, Mark Campbell, Kerry Brown, Joe Grant, Glenn Reinhold, Scott Potts. Row 3, Coach Gene Edmonds, Assistant Coach Tony Gulley, Assistant Coach Tom Ryan, Assistant Coach Brad DeWees, Dan Ogle, Mark Sleeman, Manager David Gastineau; Crossing the finish line, left, Dan Ogle wins the race with ease.





Tossing the disc, far left, Mark Sleeman struggles to throw the winning distance, Leaping toward the long jump pit, Dennis Markward, at left, attempts to outscore his opponents.

#### Boys Track

R.C.H.S. vs. Benton Central	87-36
R.C.H.S. vs. Winamac	74-59
R.C.H.S. vs. West Central	90-37
R.C.H.S. vs. Twin Lakes	96-56
South Newton	4
R.C.H.S. vs. North Newton	54-72
R.C.H.S. vs. Kankakee Valley	70½-58½
North Judson	29

#### Rensselaer Relays

R.C.H.S.	72	River Forest	42
Kankakee Valley	42	Watseka	44
Hoopeston	57	North Judson	29

#### Hoopeston Relays

R.C.H.S.	83	St. Joe-Ogden	48
Herscher	51	Hoopeston	47½
Momence	50	Catlin	24

#### Northwest Hoosier Conference

R.C.H.S.	105	Lake Station	28
Kankakee Valley	79	West Central	36
Winamac	53	North Judson	30
Knox	23	North Newton	111

#### Bi-County

R.C.H.S.	129	North Newton	151
Tri-County	66	South Newton	107
Kankakee Valley	107		

#### RMD

R.C.H.S.	92
Twin Lakes	37
Delphi	29

## Girls' record Shown at 4-4

Striding over the second hurdle, left, Jennifer Jennings leads during the meet with Twin Lakes; Junior Deby Brandenburg competes with a runner from North Newton for first place, below; Recording times, at bottom left, Deanna Kohley gets an official time from Coach Nancy Messman as Lisa Isley looks on.





#### 1980 Track Scores—Girls

R.C.H.S.	43	Twin Lakes	62
R.C.H.S.	75	North White	30
R.C.H.S.	66	Kankakee Valley	39
R.C.H.S.	66	South Newton	39
R.C.H.S.	84	Hebron	21
R.C.H.S.	34	North Newton	71
R.C.H.S.	44	West Central	61
R.C.H.S.	40	Lowell	67
		Hebron	27
R.C.H.S.	47	Twin Lakes	47
		Delphi	40

#### West Central Invitational

R.C.H.S.	30	West Central	49
Benton Central	101	Rochester	37
Logansport	62	Harrison	35
Twin Lakes	60	Pioneer	26
Rensselaer Relays			
R.C.H.S.	70	Watseka	44
Benton Central	76	Hoopeston	24
Kankakee Valley Conference	48		
R.C.H.S.	48	Knox	47½
North Newton	77	North Judson	36
West Central	85	Kankakee Valley	29½
Winamac	53	Lake Station	27

Team members above include Row 1 (l to r), Tammy Wright, Marie Vigeant, Jeanne Vigeant, Vicki Lanoue, Laura Hopkins, Row 2, Kim Louck Manager, Virginia Hoknegger, Sue Gehring, Renee Crawford, Jane Reichard, Helen Hughes, Leslie Mehall, Row 3, Assistant Coach Karla Grow, Jan Lamie, Ruth Dobson, Deby Brandenburg, Patrice Morris, Patty Garrity, Coach Nancy Messman.

## Senior athletes dedicate time, talents



and leadership to the sports program





Jeff Crawford	Cross Country, Basketball, Track	Rhonda Kohley	Volleyball
Linda Brusnahan	Girl's Swimming	Ellinor Gustafsson	Girl's Swimming, Track
Kirt Dickey	Cross Country, Golf	Roger Lampton	Football
Steve Barkley	Baseball	Dan Ogle	Cross Country, Basketball, Track
Denise DeMoss	Volleyball	Kathy O'Brien	Track
Angie Blackburn	Volleyball, Girl's Basketball	Julie Zimmer	Volleyball
Gary Braasch	Basketball	Harold Smith	Track
Gary Andersont	Football	Jim Mattocks	Football, Track
Mark Campbell	Football, Basketball, Track	Jeff Phillips	Boy's Swimming
Anthony Chavez	Baseball	Brenda Torbet	Volleyball, Girl's Basketball
Tim Davis	Football, Basketball, Track	Glen Reinhold	Cross Country, Track
Jeff Gastineau	Football, Basketball, Track	Tim Phegley	Football, Baseball
Jeff Hannon	Boy's Swimming, Baseball	Randy Russell	Baseball
Missy Greene	Volleyball	Brian Smith	Football, Baseball
Dawn Jennings	Girl's Swimming	Chris Paulsen	C.C., Boy's Swimming, Baseball
Angie Mangas	Girl's Swimming	Tammy Siegrist	Girl's Basketball
Judy Garrity	Girl's Swimming	Butch Pattengale	Football, Baseball

## Cheerleaders provide spirit and leadership



The varsity cheerleaders were assisted at this year's basketball games by six enthusiastic boys. They included Nick Korniak, Jim Mattocks, Tom Nagel, Butch Pattengale, Scott VanMeter and Joe Verbeugge. The cheerleaders not only cheered at football and basketball but at all home minor sports activities.



## Cheerleaders fire teams up

The J.V. and Freshmen Cheerleaders kept busy this year providing support for all athletic teams and promoting school spirit throughout the student body.

J.V. Cheerleaders, right (l to r) Katrina Brown, Lina Chesak, Linda Streitmatter.

Freshmen Cheerleaders, below (l to r) Mandy McElfresh, Sandra Kohley, Mary Brusnahan, Suzy Post, Jeanne Vigeant and Misha Laird.





## Young squad rebuilds team

To Coach Burvan:

We that have had the opportunity to perceive your knowledge and dedication in coaching us would like to thank you.

Alone in these past four years as members of your final team at Rensselaer Central, appreciate your time, patience and effort in taking the very sweet, side by side, with the very bitter.

Through all the sweat and sorrow we thank you for the striving desire to make us winners on and off the playing field.

Though this is only a minute expression of our appreciation, we again thank you and your staff for these past four and all previous years.

Tim Davis  
and the  
1979 Football Team

Below: The 1979 Bomber football team.







1979 Bomber Football squad: (l to r) S. Lucero, S. Phillips, J. Meyer, J. Courtney, B. Pettet, B. Pettet, P. Kerns, Row 2 D. Hoover, K. Luers, D. Downard, D. Fleming, C. Tonner, T. Branson, R. Jordan, D. Skinner, Row 3 Coach McKim, D. Skinner, G. Nagel, D. Gastineau, D. Mattocks, T.



Boesch, M. Baker, J. Ahler, J. Verbrugge, Coach Hainje. (t to b) A disappointed sideline is shown looking on a unfavorable play; Senior Tim Davis struggles for the first down as his team members rush to his assistance.

## Traditions herald in homecoming

The annual Homecoming bonfire was held Wednesday, October 3, 1979. The five students who worked on getting the boxes and building "Mount Cardboard" were Mark Campbell, Kathy Dunlap, Jim Mattocks, Brenda Torbet and Scott VanMeter.

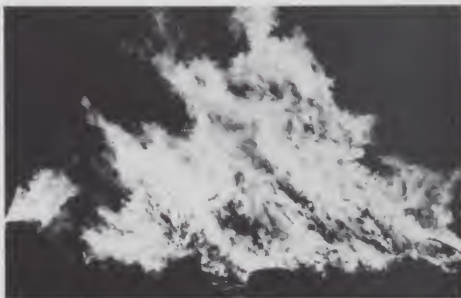


Upper right, seniors get ready for their traditional run around the fire.

Center, the flame of tradition burns brightly for Homecoming.

Bottom left, the cheerleaders fire up the crowd at the afternoon pep session.

Bottom right, "Blow the Candles Out on the Spartans" was the theme of the winning float sponsored by the seniors.





Upper left, the finishing touches are put on a painting by queen Rhonda Kohley.

Far left, chatting on the phone is queen candidate Tammy Siegrist.

Left, queen candidate Terri Spencer heads for home after a visit at St. Joe.

Below, enjoying her art project is queen candidate Lynne Chesak

Below left, driving a tractor in the Ag department is queen candidate Angie Mangas

Bottom, the candidates appear with their escorts (L to R) Gary Braasch, Jeff Hannon, Tom Nagel, Chris Arhhood and Jeff Crawford.



Rhonda Kohley crowned homecoming queen



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SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS: Harold Smith, President; Wendy Prepski, Secretary; Laura Beaver, Treasure  
Not Pictured Gina Gonzales, Vice-President





Sue Adamson  
Linda Alberts  
Nancy Ann Ames



Gary Lee Anderson  
Donna Antcliff  
Chris Arihood



Steven E. Barkley  
Laura J. Beaver  
Barbarie Biggs



Christine Elaine Bilyeu  
Angela Y. Blackburn  
Maria Lucia Bonilla

Gary Louis Braasch  
Linda J. Brusnahan  
Ronald J. Bulington



Mark Campbell  
Jim Castongia  
Anthony C. Chavez



Jim Clark  
Cynthia M. Collins  
Regina Lynne Cover



Karla J. Coy  
Mark A. Cramer  
Jeffrey Scott Crawford





Diana Cripe  
Timothy L. Davis  
Penny G. Dawson



Marcia DeArmond  
Toni Lynn DeGroot  
Denise Lynnette DeMoss



Kirt Dickey  
Kathy Lynn Dunlap  
James E. Fritz



Judy Garrity  
Jeff Gastineau  
Marsha Kaye Geren

Debbie Gilbert  
Gina Martel Gonzales  
Missy Greene



Ellinor Gustafsson  
Jeff Hannon  
Candy Hayes



Kathy J. Huff  
Dawn Maureen Jennings  
Rhonda Kohley



Susan G. Kosta  
Kathryn M. Krieger  
Kelli L. Lakin





Roger Lampton  
Cheryl L. Lane  
Robert E. Lewis



Chris Evin Long  
Beth Longstreth  
June A. Luesse



Patricia Lea Madison  
Angela R. Mangas  
Lori Mathew



Jim Mattocks  
Shannon Spurgeon  
Mattocks  
Ruth McCorkel

Cathy J. McNeal  
Beth Meeks  
Gregory T. Miller



Nancy Kay Miller  
Andy P. Mitchell  
Lisa J. Mitchell



Marcia Mitchell  
Ron Molenaar  
Carolyn Moon



Suzanne Moore  
Elizabeth Nagel  
Thomas P. Nagel





Kathleen Anne O'Brien  
Daniel W. Ogle  
Paula Oliver



Laurie Parker  
Kenneth Pattengale  
Chris Paulsen



Timothy Lee Phegley  
Jeff Phillips  
Michael D. Pigford



Gary L. Potts  
Wendy Prepski  
Peggy L. Pruett

Bill Pucka Jr.  
 Tammy Pucka  
 Nancy Louise Putman



Scott Putts  
 Amy Elizabeth Reichert  
 Glen M. Reinhold



Herlinda Reyes  
 Bonnie L. Risinger  
 Randy Russell



Robin Salyer  
 Linda S. Saylor  
 Donna Scheffler





Dave Scheurich  
Jodi Selby  
Gregory S. Shide



SuEllyn Siegrist  
Tammy Siegrist  
Sonya Ann Simmons



Mary M. Slaughter  
Brian W. Smith  
Debbie Smith



Harold Smith  
Michelle Smith  
Terri Lee Spencer

Carol Standish  
Debbie Stath  
Ronald W. Stath



Carla Sult  
Brenda Torbet  
Scott Van Meter



Julie Anna Waibel  
Jo Ella Webb  
Sandy Wheat



Mara K. Whitaker  
Tina Marie Wienrank  
Kathryn Annette  
Womelsdorff





Kelli Eldridge Wood  
Polly Ann Woodworth  
Craig Allyn Worden



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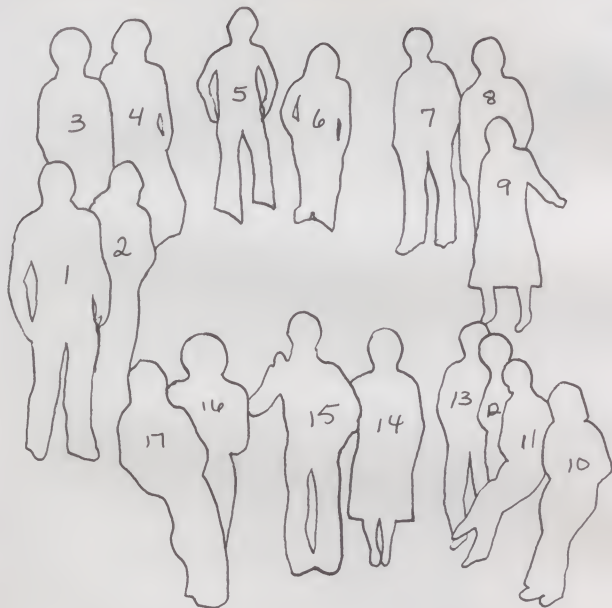


Rex Boyd  
Lynne J. Chesak  
Richard Chisko  
Carmeen Cole  
Victor Dobson  
Karen Ellis  
Harry Gluth  
Shannon Isley  
Paul Johnson  
Jody Kirkbride  
Tony Mathew

Kreg Mattocks  
Mary McElroy  
Mark McKnight  
Dawn Melton  
Tim Parker  
Robert Peterson  
Denise Rayburn  
Des Ryan  
Gilbert Saucedo  
Dave Scheffler  
Steve Zawodny



# Seniors choose hall of fame members



## BEST LOOKING

1. Randy Russell
2. Rhonda Kohley
3. Jeff Crawford

## MOST TALKATIVE

3. Jeff Crawford
4. Dawn Jennings

## MOST HUMOROUS

4. Dawn Jennings
5. Jeff Phillips

## MOST ATHLETIC

6. Brenda Torbet
7. Tim Davis

## BEST DRESSED

8. Kirt Dickey
9. Shannon Mattocks

## MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED

10. Betsy Nagel
11. Chris Paulsen

## MOST MUSICAL

12. Karla Coy
13. Jeff Hannon

## BIGGEST FLIRT

14. Judy Garrity
15. Gary Anderson

## MOST ARTISTIC

2. Rhonda Kohley
16. Jim Mattocks

## MOST FRIENDLY

17. Terri Spencer
- Mark Campbell (Not pictured)

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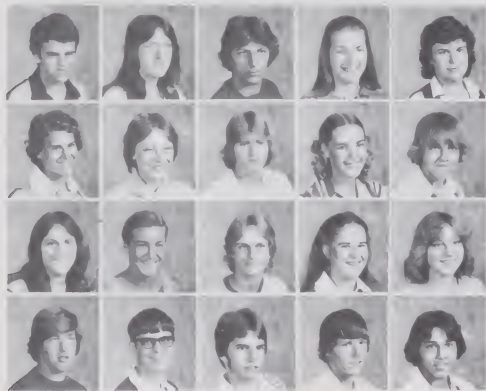
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## Juniors spend year planning prom



This year's juniors were a very dedicated group of students. They spent the year pouring their time and energy into making the 1980 prom a success.

Class Officers: (l to r) Ann Tonner, vice-president; Virginia Honegger, secretary; Mike Wright, president; Margaret Misch, treasurer.



Scott Adamson  
Mary Allen  
Brad Alson  
Jonna Anderson  
Connie  
Arrasmith

Pam Arrasmith  
Cindy Becker  
Brooks Beehler  
Kelly Blackhall  
Mark Bohlinger

Charlotte  
Bramble  
Deby  
Brandenburg  
Kerry Brown  
Becky  
Brushahan  
Annie Bucholtz  
David Butler  
Mike Caldwell  
Joe Cebulski  
Rick Chambers  
John Chavez

Lina Chesak  
David Chevette  
Kim Clouse  
Lynda Cook  
Bill Corbin



Joni Critser  
Ken Delaney  
Bob DeMoss  
Rusty DeMoss  
Glenn DeWees



Mary Duley  
Sonia Duley  
Darla Dunn  
Carl Ebert  
Steve Egan



Chip Eisele  
Tim Eldridge  
Judy Ewen  
Val Fairchild  
Greg Fishburn



Jeff Fleming  
Joanie Fordham  
Karen Gastineau  
Lisa Gilbert  
Mike Gilbert



Sandy Gilbert  
Charles Goad  
Michele Gosman  
Kenton Gray  
Elizabeth Groppe



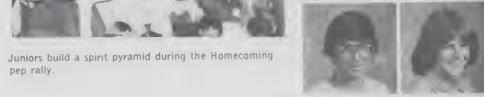
DeLynn Grow  
Michele Gull



Brent Gutwein  
Glenda Hancock



Larry Harmon  
Lori Harris



Juniors build a spirit pyramid during the Homecoming pep rally.





Jeff Hesson  
William Hittle  
Carol Hollerman  
Rich Holt  
Virginia Honegger

Anthony Hopkins  
Laura Hopkins  
Jerry Hughes  
John Hurtado  
Brad Jordan

Janet Jordan  
Greg Kaufman  
Carol Kenning  
Tom Kenny  
Gary Kingma

Deanna Kohley  
Klayton Kohley  
Nick Korniak  
Janet Larnie  
Kim Lane

Butch Langley  
Alisa Levandowski  
Kim Louck  
Jim Lucas  
Scott Malone

Roger Mathew  
Bruce Maxwell  
William McElroy

Jeff McEwan  
Andrea Mehall  
Barb Meyer

Lisa Mikolajczak  
Cindy Miller  
Brenda Minter

Margaret Misch  
Lynnette  
Mitchell  
Charles  
Montgomery

Janet Jordan was caught washing her hair.

Wanda Mullins  
Angie Myers

Juniors clown around preparing for the Homecoming festivities.

Mary Myers  
Andy Nagel

Carol Nagel  
Chris Nagel



Ron Nagel  
Brett Nesius  
Mike Nesius  
Kelle Ogle  
Randy Peck



Scott Potts  
Bethanne Rafferty  
Laura Randolph  
Jill Reinhold  
Larry Risner



John Rodibaugh  
Ken Ross  
Tyrus Salyer  
Stacy Salyers  
Pedro Saucedo



Karin Scheurich  
Chris Schleman  
Lisa Selby  
Cindy Sheffer  
Julie Sheffer



Judy Shell  
Chris Shide  
Dwayne Simmons  
Mark Sleeman  
Annette Smith



Carrie Smith  
Shannon Smith  
Stacey Smith  
Dan Snyder  
Rick Spriggs





Laura Stath  
Sue Stath  
Pat Steinke  
Colleen Studer  
Karen Swartz

Julie Teach  
Lori Teach  
Lori Templeton  
Chris Thibaut  
Debbie Toben

Ann Tonner  
Gregg Tow  
Debbie Van  
Blaircom  
Teresa Vaughn  
Joe Verbrugge

Helen Vigeant  
Marie Vigeant  
Dave Wagner  
Kelly Widner  
Brad Wood

Rodney Woolley



Lynda Worden

Mike Wright

Phyllis  
Zickmund

The Juniors' float placed second in this year's Homecoming parade.

## Intermission . . . . .

This year the Student Council and school administrators sponsored many convocations to entertain the students. The entertainment included Jadam (a former St. Joe student), the Air Force Rock Band, and a magician, Mr. Tom Wawrzasek. The Student Council also provided Singing Valentines for the faculty and students.





Counterclockwise Miss Watson receives her Valentine kiss from Glen DeWees. Creating optical illusions was one of Tom Wawrzasek's specialties. The Magician performs one of his tricks. Lead guitarist from the Air Force band is performing during the convocation. The girls fight for their chance to give Mr LeBeau his Valentine kiss.

Katrina Brown was serenaded by the boys during the Valentine celebration.

Air Force Band drummer keeps the beat of the music going.

Another important part of the Air Force Band are the back-up players. Shown are the bass player and both trumpets.



# Sophomores present "Sunshine Express"

The "Sunshine Express", sponsored by the sophomore class, was the last convocation of the year. Originated in Ohio, this group travels all around the world singing and dancing to entertain young and old alike. They have received much recognition for their performances, such as being selected as the 1979 representatives of the United States at the Wembly Music Festival in London England.

Clockwise: The 'Sunshine Express' sing and dance as they entertain the students and faculty of R.C.H.S.; Senior Tom Nagel is serenaded by a member of the "Sunshine Express"; The female singers of the "Sunshine Express" get into a song with some great backup from the instrumentalists; The lead singer of the "Sunshine Express" puts a great deal into a song from the top ten.





## Rensselaer sponsors two exchange students

This year RCHS was privileged to be a part of both the Rotary Exchange Program and the Youth for Understanding program. Maria Bonilla and Ellinor Gustaffson spent the year as Rensselaer seniors and living with various families in the community.

(top): Maria Bonilla a native of Cali, Columbia, represented her country through the Rotary Exchange Program.



Swedish born Ellinor Gustaffson was selected to represent her country in Rensselaer by the Youth for Understanding Program.

## Sophomores compete in contest

The class of 1983 showed spirit in this year's competition of the classes. One of their accomplishments was being selected the winner of the basketball Sectional hall decoration contest. Among other things, the sophomores also placed high in yelling competitions and athletic attendance.

OFFICERS: Katie Egan, president; Grace Honegger, v-president; Brenda Mitchell, secretary; Brett Baker, treasurer.



Susan Ames  
Angie Arihood  
Annetta Arnett  
Stacey Baily  
Brett Baker



Julie Barkley  
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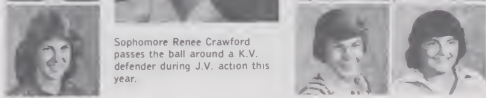
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Sophomore Renee Crawford passes the ball around a K.V. defender during J.V. action this year.

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Tim Nagel dismounts horse in P.E. class as Larry Eldridge looks on.





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# Freshman class shows spirit



This year's freshmen made their share of first-year mistakes. According to one of the social studies teachers, one freshman girl sat through most of his senior economics classes before she realized her room error.

On the other hand, freshmen this year displayed their willingness to back the Bombers by participating in all spirit events and giving the other classes competition.

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The freshmen cheerleaders show their support during Homecoming.



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Tom Kennedy  
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Bernie Lane  
Eddie Lane

Stephanie Lewis  
Bill Lewis

Wannetta  
Linback  
William Linback

Jim Lintner  
Annette Lopez

Dan Loveall  
Scott Lucero

The freshmen produced their first Homecoming float.

Kevin Luers  
Sheila Manns  
Sue Manns

During freshman slave day D. Hoover  
and J. Verbrugge dress each other  
blindfolded.

Dene Mattocks  
Karen Maxwell  
Mandy  
McElfresh

Leslie Mehall  
Jeff Meyer  
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Paula Minter  
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Eric Scheffer  
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Brad Warner  
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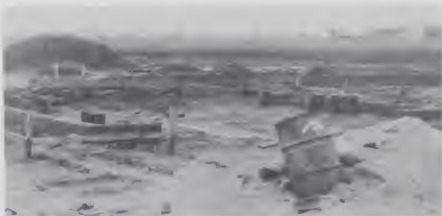
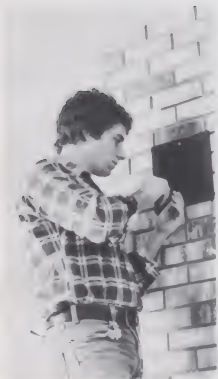
Paula Wienrank  
David Williams  
Ginny Williams  
Dan  
Womelsdorff  
Pam Woodward



Frank Worden  
Kevin Worden  
Beth Zacher

## Building Trades constructs fourth annual house project

Clockwise: Tom Nagel affixes the vent cover to the fireplace; The class starts the house from the ground up; Learning to operate all types of construction equipment is a major part of the class. Here Randy Russell is shown using a table saw



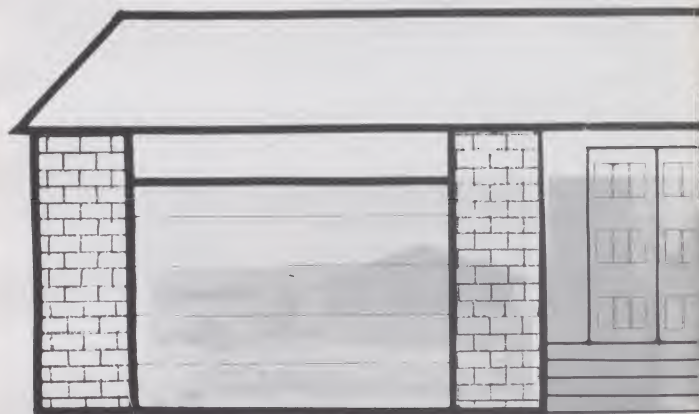


Houston subdivision was the site picked this year for the building trades home. The class of all male students handles all carpentry work, electrical wiring, plumbing, heating, roofing and painting of the house.

There were two separate classes of building trades, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. The students that participated in the classes were: Steve Barkley, Jim Castongia, Jeff Gastineau, Roger Lampton, Tom Nagel, Randy Russell, Gilbert Saucedo, Dave Butler, Dave Chevette, Chip Eisele, Mike Gilbert, Larry Harmon, Bruce Maxwell, Brett Nesius, Stoney Nuss, Ken Ross and Gregg Tow.

Counter-clockwise: Jim Castongia demonstrates hooking up an overhead light, Roger Lampton is shown putting up the decorative touches in the kitchen. Instructor DeWees is shown helping the students with the bedroom door







(l to r) The finished '79-80 building trades house is located in the Houston Subdivision; Senior Tom Nagel puts the finishing touches on the main bathroom; Randy Russell adjusts the thermostat in this year's project.

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Upper left. Mr. Rober Beehler, art teacher, has a big job every year organizing the annual art show

Left. Mrs. Mary Lou Baumann, A-V Director, keeps busy sponsoring the National Honor Society and the A-V assistants

Left. Along with teaching Special Education, Mr. Jerry McKim kept busy coaching the Freshmen basketball team and assisting Mr. Burvan with the varsity football team.

Below (l to r) In his first year Mr. Tony Gulley's main activity included managing the ticket sales for all Bomber athletic events.

Miss Jennifer Rich teaches shorthand, notehand, Typing II and office practice. Besides being the Business Dept. Head, Miss Linda Latchaw teaches Accounting I, II, bookkeeping, and record keeping



# Art A-V Special Ed. Business

# English

Row 1 Along with being head of the English Dept., Mrs. Phyllis Cappuccilli also teaches Foreign Languages, organized the annual Spelling Bee, is sponsor of Sigma Digamma and co-sponsor of Sunshine Society.

Row 2 Mrs. Emily Price is senior class co-sponsor and senior English teacher.

Mr. Tom Ryan, asst. varsity football coach, asst. Track coach and English teacher.

Mrs. Jane Swartzell, English and foreign language teacher, and co-sponsor of Sunshine Society.

Row 3 Miss Tyna Langrebe, Journalism Dept. head and English teacher, sponsors the RENSSSELARIEN and CHAOS.

Miss JoAnn Wagner, English teacher, is also active in the school play and sponsor of Drama club.

Mrs. Wendy Hughes is an English teacher





## Guidance Home Ec. Ind. Arts

Row 1 Sophomore and Senior Guidance Counselor, Mr. John Michaelis is also sponsor of the Student Council Freshmen and Junior Guidance Counselor Dr. Carol Christen is also the sponsor of Health Careers.

Row 2 Mrs. Rita Atkinson Home-Ec. teacher, is also sponsor of Home-Ec. club. Miss Lou Ann Watson is a Home-Ec. teacher.

Row 3 Mr. Tom Peters is the Industrial Arts teacher

Mr. Wedge Rafferty is an Industrial Arts teacher.

Mr. Rick Commingore is an Industrial Arts teacher.



# Math Library Aids

Row 1 Mr. John Bauman, Math Dept. head, is also sponsor of Chess Club and Prom.

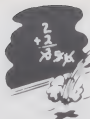
Row 2 Mr. Gene Edmonds, math teacher, is Cross Country, and Track coach. Mrs. Karla Grow, math teacher, is Bleacher Bums sponsor and asst. Girls Track and V-Ball coach.

Mr. Kent LeBeau, math teacher, is sponsor of Bomber Alert Corp, head Basketball coach and asst. Baseball coach.

Row 3 Mrs. Donna Ramey is head Librarian.

Mrs. Doris Myers is a Library Aid.

Mrs. Lucile Walker is Library Aid.





## Music Phys.-Ed.

Row 1 Mr. Walt Schattenbrand, Choir director, is in charge of four separate groups. He also directed the school play "South Pacific"

Row 2 Mr. Henry Wolfe is band director and Bomberette sponsor.

Mr. Gordan Muehlhausen, phys.-ed. and health teacher, is also pool supervisor, Monogram sponsor and Girl's Basketball coach.

Row 3 Mr. Joe Burvan, phys.-ed. and health teacher, is also Football, wrestling coach and is sponsor of the Mat Maids.

Mrs. Nancy Messman, phys.-ed. teacher, is also Girls Track and V-Ball coach.

Mr. Steve Brandenburg, Science teacher, is also asst. Football and Girls Basketball coach.



# Science and Social Studies

Row 1 Mr. Art Middleton, science teacher and dept. head.

Row 2 Mr. Steve Bush is a science teacher, Girl's and Boy's Swimming coach.

Mr. John Potter, social studies teacher, is also senior class co-sponsor and is in charge of homecoming and graduation.

Mr. Rich Stefanish, social studies teacher, is also Golf and Boy's Intramural coach.

Row 3 Mr. Cameron Douglas is social studies teacher, and Monogram co-sponsor.

Mr. Craig Grow, social studies teacher, is also Baseball coach, asst. Wrestling coach, and sponsor of Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Mr. Bob Hainje, social studies teacher, is also junior varsity Basketball and freshman Football coach.



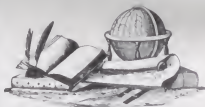
# Vocational Education Vocational Agriculture

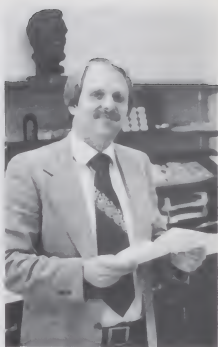
Row 1 Mr. Greg DeWees is study hall supervisor

Row 2 Mr. Windy DeWees is building trades teacher

Row 3 Mrs. Carol Hurley is health occupation teacher.

Mr. Byron Callahan, Vocational-Ag teacher, is also sponsor of F.F.A.





## Administration

Clockwise: Mr. Robert Crowe, principal; Mrs. Marilyn Eckholm, school treasurer; Mrs. Linda Wood, attendance secretary; Dr. Drew Day, vice-principal and athletic director; Mrs. Mary Townsend, guidance secretary.  
Below Rensselaer Central School Board members (l to r) Tom Nesius, Wanda Stewart, Jerry Brunton, President Gerald Nesius, Russell Wagner, Jerry Feldhaus.



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Angie Mangas tries on her stilts for size. Bill Jennings concentrates on his serve. Students entertained by WAZY disc jockey Jeffrey J. Weber. Mark Sleeman practices driving with Elizabeth Groppe. Seniors attempt to win with all their might, but do not succeed in the process. Tim Davis spikes the volleyball towards a victory.



## Juniors spend day picnicking

Row 1: Shannon Smith catches the frisbee during the festivities of the day: Trying to fix the bird bath is junior Stacy Salyers. Row 2: The chef of the day, Shannon Smith prepares hamburgers for the hungry picnickers: she grabs a cold drink from the cooler.



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## Seniors honored for achievements and services

Clockwise: Penny Dawson returns to her seat after receiving a scholarship from Lowell Beauty College. Mike Wright presents Harold Smith with a certificate for service to the Student Council. Mrs. Lou Hannon congratulates Sonya Simmons for being selected as the recipient of the Tri Kappa nursing scholarship. Chris Paulsen receives his scholarship and plaque from Lt. Boissy of the U.S. Navy. Exchange students Maria Bonilla and Elinor Gustaffson return to their seats after accepting a gift from RCHS.





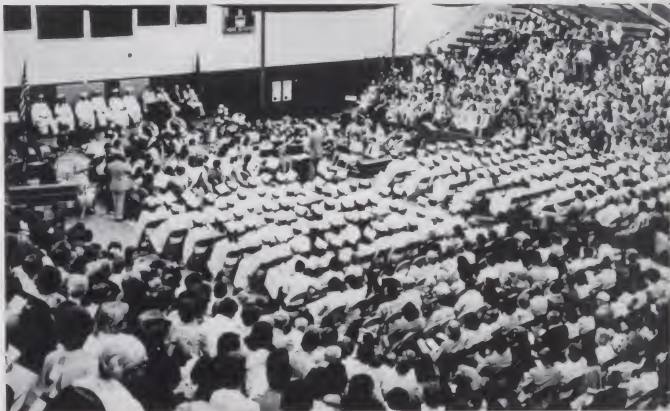
## "Looks Like We've Made It"

Counterclockwise: Valedictorian Gina Zarse delivers her speech to the crowd. Mara Whitaker, salutatorian, also delivered a speech during graduation: The seniors take their seats prior to commencement: Mike Wright and Laura Hopkins escort the Class of 1980 to their seats.





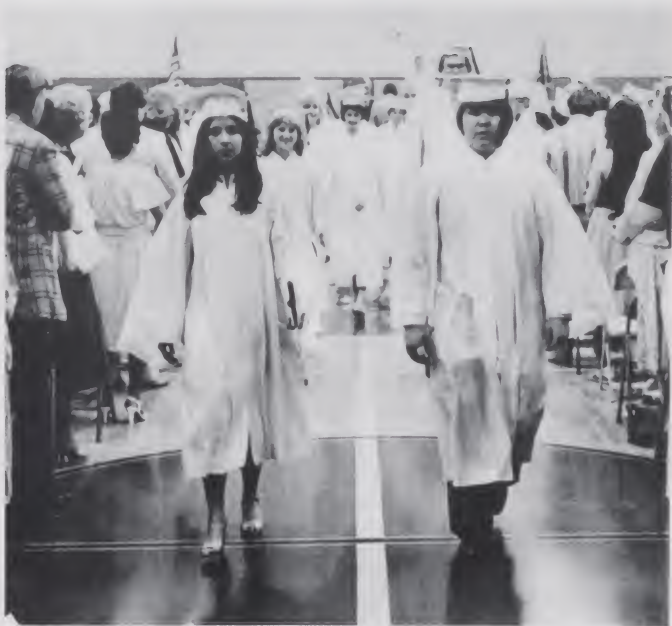
Counterclockwise: The speakers for graduation included (l to r), Jim Clark, Gina Gonzales, SuEllen Siegrist, Des Ryan, Mara Whitaker and Gina Zarse. The class of 1980 and their guests: Members of the class await the distribution of diplomas. The choir led by the senior members performed "Let's Get Together" and "We May Never Pass This Way Again".







Counterclockwise. Members of the class proceed to get their diplomas: The final walk out of RCHS: Mr. Crowe gives his farewell address as the band awaits to play the recessional.



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the happy

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As co-editors of the 1980 Chaos we would like to take this opportunity to thank all section editors and staff members who devoted many hours to make this book a reality. We would also like to thank the faculty and students, to whom this book is dedicated, for their cooperation.

The list of individuals who aided the staff is very long but we would like to give special recognition to the following people: Mr. Wayne Erickson, Mr. Doren Green and Mike Pigford for always having a camera ready when we needed one; Mrs. Wood and Mrs. Eckholm for putting up with us in the office every five minutes; Mr. Crowe and Dr. Day for finding a way to let us do the impossible; to Campbell's Printing and Mr. Commingore for their technical printing services beyond our understanding.

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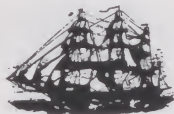
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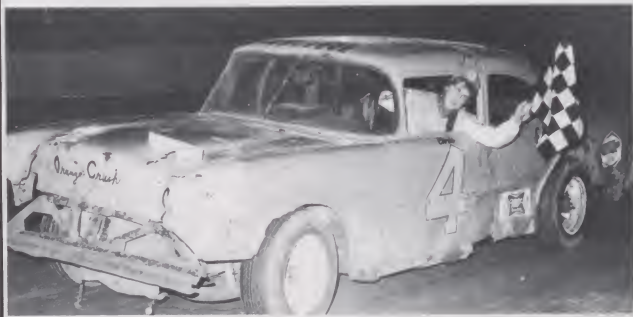
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